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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 6-8 are allowed.

Illegible Response

The response filed 24 October 2003 (noting certification of facsimile transmission) contains illegible pages due to an apparent transmission problem. The latter portion of claim 2, claim 3, and the first portion of claim 4 have been placed on a single page and are illegible as currently presented.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims to an invention non-elected in Paper No. 6. Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the date of this letter, whichever is longer, to resubmit the response referred to by applicants (i.e., the response of 24 October 2003). Failure to take this action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the noted claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted since this application will be passed to issue.

The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher RoDee whose telephone number is 571-272-1388. The examiner can normally be reached on most weekdays from 6:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Huff can be reached on 571-272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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